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Legislative Counsel

Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attention: Libby Garvey

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Thank you for your letter of 22 September enclosing correspondence from T. W. Grant. Mr. Grant had read about a Soviet defector, Yuri Nosenko, and the treatment he received while under control of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As you may be aware from press accounts, on 15 September, John Hart, a retired senior CIA officer, testified in open session before the House Select Committee on Assassinations on the credibility of Mr. Nosenko, a former officer in the Soviet intelligence service. It was during Mr. Hart's testimony that details concerning Mr. Nosenko's treatment were made public.

The excessively harsh treatment of Mr. Nosenko went beyond the bounds of propriety and good judgement. At Admiral Turner's direction, steps have been taken to make certain that this incident is never repeated.

I trust this information will assist you in responding to your constituent. In accordance with your request, we are returning Mr. Grant's correspondence to you.

Sincerely,

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Frederick P. Hitz

Enclosure

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